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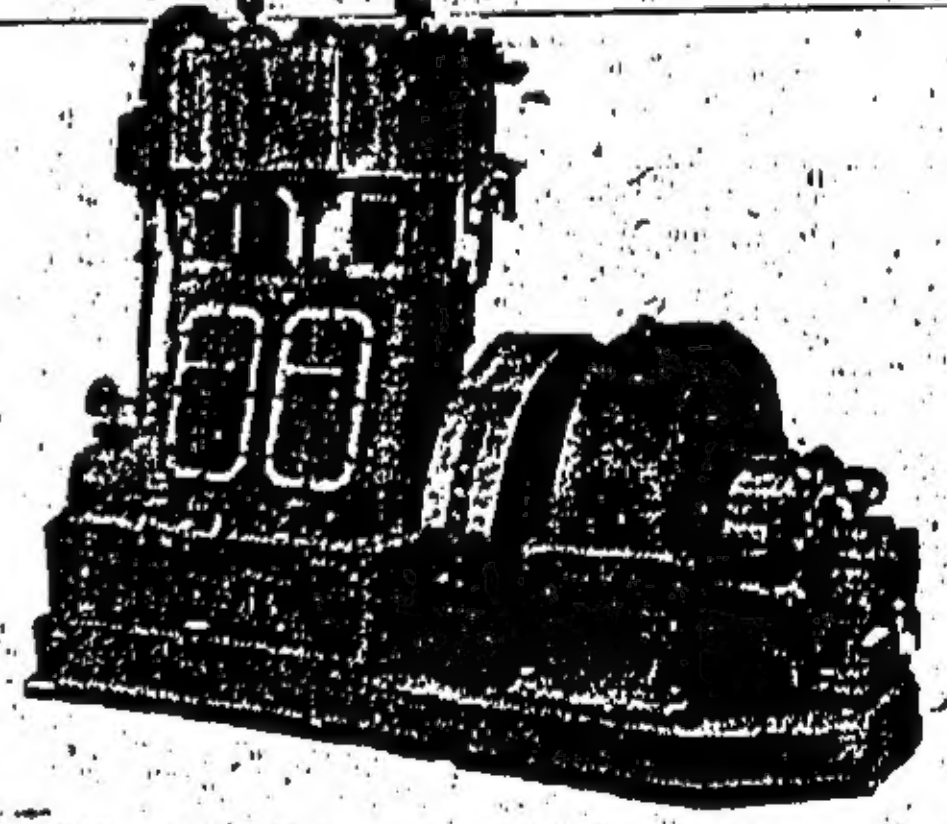
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General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, November 21.—3.45 p.m.—Sanitary Board Meeting.

THURSDAY, November 23.—5 p.m.—Practice Reel Dances in the City Hall.

SATURDAY, November 25.—Variety Entertainment Theatre Royal, 2.30 a.m.—Musketery for Reserve at Kowloon.

SUNDAY, November 26.—9.30 a.m.—Musketery for Reserve at Kowloon.

THURSDAY, November 30.—United States Thanksgiving Day.

9 p.m.—St. Andrew's Ball in City Hall.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1911.

THE MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

In the Colony of Hongkong we have long been thankful for small mercies whenever we have had dealings with those nebulous entities the Colonial Office, the War Office, the Admiralty, or the Lords of the Treasury. We have been chastened by years of curious and somewhat bitter experience but nevertheless have garnered some small measure of consolation in the process. So we are prepared to accept with a demure but glad cheerfulness the small concession which the Secretary of State for the Colonies, out of the largeness of his heart, has granted us in the matter of railway earnings. For the moment they are not to be milked for the benefit of the Military Contribution. Such magnanimity should not go unrewarded, nor lack for words of appreciation. But why, when he was about it, did the Secretary of State for the Colonies, treat us like a lot of schoolboys and lay down the ultimatum that when the matter came before the Legislative Council no amendment to the vote would be permitted? Was he aware of the weakness of his case and the iniquitous injustice of the system under which the Military Contribution is now levied. It would evidently appear so, hence his muzzling order.

We hope, however, that something may result from the promised inter-departmental committee which he says he will set up to enquire into the whole matter. Singapore is jointly concerned with Hongkong in this question, and we trust that our sister Colony will push the affair as energetically as our own. Unofficial members of Council are doing. Times have radically changed since the bargain which we now call the Military Contribution, was first struck, and the surplus, which both Colonies could then comfortably boast of have completely disappeared—never, alas, to return. The suggestion of the official members of the Hongkong Legislative Council that the Military Contribution should be a fixed sum

and not vary with the financial needs of the year, seems a very reasonable proposal. As matters stand at present we pay 20 per cent. from our gross income to the Military Contribution, which means that should it be necessary in any year to raise more money for urgent public necessities, we have to pay into the military chest in proportion to the extra amount paid into Treasury. It is now proposed that the Colony's contribution shall be fixed at one million dollars per annum, and we hope that the people at home will see the wisdom, justice and fairness of the offer. But we have our doubts, for we live at such an immense distance from the centre of the Empire that we are rather negligible quantities in the thoughts and ideas of the bureaucrats of White Hall and Pall Mall. "Somebody has called the Military Contribution our insurance premium. We do not grumble at the definition, what we say is that the rate of premium is much too high considering the real, as apart from the apparent, financial position of the Colony. For we must look forward to to-morrow. No one at all conversant with the business affairs of Hongkong but must acknowledge the rebellion in China is hitting us all very badly. Trade is practically at a standstill, with everybody wondering what the eventual outcome will be, and it will be months ere we see any substantial recovery. It behoves us, therefore, to be all the more careful of our outgoings and to lose no opportunity of impressing upon the Government that despite the prospects, which the complacency of the Colonial Budget see stretching before their eyes, "All things are not what they seem."

STRIKE OF PRINTERS.

Work Stopped Throughout the Colony.

Consequent upon the arrest late last night of the principal agitators who have been disturbing the printing trade of the Colony during the past month, the Compositors Guild this morning proclaimed a general strike. Job printing as well as newspaper offices were equally concerned, and it has been with the utmost difficulty that we have managed to get to press this evening.

We learn that this afternoon the chief official of the Guild was banished from the Colony. He was escorted by two Chinese detectives and a European police sergeant to the S.S. Sui Tai, the afternoon boat to Macao, which left at about 2 o'clock. There were fully two hundred Chinese on the wharf to see him off, all apparently sympathisers, and something in the nature of a demonstration was made, the crowd waving their towels, clapping their hands, etc. Just before the boat steamed out the banished man shouted to those assembled that although he was going he trusted them to carry on the work of the Guild and to see to its finances.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

H. E. Sheng Kung-pao is living at Tientsin. When not in conversation he looks very old and worn but brightens up wonderfully when he begins to talk.

The offerings in St. John's Cathedral, on Sunday, November 19th, will be given to the Cathedral Choir Fund. There will be a Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion at 11.45 a.m. and the preacher at Evening will be the Rev. W. H. Foster Pegg, C.F.

A big meeting of the leading merchants in Hongkong was held on Friday night at the Chinese Commercial Union, to consider the convening of a society in Hongkong to which the various districts of Kwangtung Province can send complaints when the society will make representations to the Canton Government for the adjustment of the grievances. The meeting was private.

While walking along Chatham Road, Kowloon, about 10 o'clock on Friday morning, Mrs. Fontaine, of No. 6 Austin Avenue, had her handbag, containing some \$50 in money and papers, snatched by a thief who at once made off. He was chased a considerable distance by a richshaw coolie as well as two soldiers of the K. O. Y. L. I. who were in the vicinity. The thief was eventually captured by the soldiers and at the Magistrate's this morning. Mr. E. A. Irving imposed a sentence of six months' imprisonment with hard labour, four hours' stocks and two whippings of twelve strokes each.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

THE REBELLION.

FOREIGN TROOPS TO LAND.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Nov. 17.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking says that cables that Mr. Secretary Knox announced that all the Powers signatory to the Boxer Protocol are agreed as to the necessity for landing troops to protect the Peking-Tientsin Railway.

[Note.—The signatories to the Protocol were:—Britain, United States, France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Japan, Holland and Russia.—Ed. C. M.]

LOANS NOT MET.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking says it is announced that the money to meet the coupons for the Russo-French loan of 1895 is not forthcoming.

PLANNING ORDER.

The same correspondent states that on the invitation of Li Yuan Hung, representatives of the Provinces met at Shanghai, and subsequently Li Yuan Hung notified the Foreign Consuls that the Republican States had elected representatives to the Central Government, which was being established at Wu-chang, and urged its recognition.

MORE FIGHTING AT NANKING.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)
SHANGHAI, Nov. 17.

Troops numbering 600 belonging to General Chang Huan's regiment at Nanking attacked the Revolutionists' stronghold and were repulsed.

General Chang's force is said to number about 7,000 and is comprised of some regulars.

The Revolutionist commander Chui Shao Ching has decided to attack these Imperialists as soon as reinforcements reach, the number of 10,000 together with 30 guns and several gunboats.

YUAN SHIH KAI'S ADVISER.

PEKING, Nov. 17.

An Imperial Edict has been published accepting the resignation of Tang Shao Yi as President of the Board of Communications and appointing him adviser to Yuan Shih Kai.

RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Nov. 17.

It is reported by Reuter's St. Petersburg correspondent that orders have been given for the immediate despatch of troops to Kasvin.

THE POWERS AND ITALY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Nov. 17.

The Berlin correspondent of Die Zeit (Vienna) says that as a result of the protest of the Powers, Italy has given assurances that she will take no action in the Aegean Sea at present.

THE SUFFRAGETTES.

MR ASQUITH IN HOT WATER.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Nov. 17.

Mr Asquith to-day had a lively interview with the Suffragettes when he received a representative deputation at Downing Street, the delegates including Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Selborne and Lady Betty Balfour, who delivered speeches expressing great dissatisfaction with the Premier's reform statement.

Mr Asquith emphasised that he had never promised to introduce women's suffrage, and as the head of the Government he could not conscientiously introduce a measure which he did not believe to be demanded in the interests of the country. The reply lay in the women perceiving the majority in Parliament to support them, then the Government would accept their decision.

DISSATISFIED.

The Suffragettes have decided that Mr Asquith's reply is equivalent to an attitude of direct hostility on the part of the Government, and they have decided to hold a demonstration in Parliament Square on Tuesday night.

CANADIAN POLITICS.

NEW PARLIAMENT OPENED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Nov. 17.

Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa says Parliament has been opened with unprecedented ceremonial brilliance.

H. B. H. the Duke of Cornwall, Governor-General of the Dominion, in the Speech from the Throne, congratulated the Dominion on its rapidly expanding trade, and announced the introduction of measures to assist agriculture, which was the great basic industry of the Dominion, and to establish a permanent tariff commission.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE REVIVAL OF UNIONISM.

MR. BONAR LAW'S STIRRING SPEECH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Nov. 17.

Five thousand Unionists accorded an enthusiastic ovation to Mr Bonar Law at Leeds yesterday evening, when he made his first pronouncement as leader of the Party. He paid a tribute to Mr Balfour and ridiculed the suggestion that the latter's presence in the House of Commons will be awkward for his successor. "Whatever are my weaknesses," he said, "jealousy is not one of them." The first duty of the Unionists was to get rid of a Government which is now tearing down the path to destruction.

Unionists would resist Welsh disestablishment, which was based on prejudice and bigotry, and was utterly intolerable. The Irish dominated British politics, but there were two nations besides Ireland. Home Rule for Ireland would be an intolerable wrong to the majority of their fellow citizens in the United Kingdom, whom the Government had prevented from voicing their opinions by suspending the constitution. He denied that the Unionists were the party of privilege. They aimed to promote social conditions, not treating capitalists like beasts (as they say), but by raising the standard of wages. A general rise in wages, however, was impossible without fiscal change. The Unionists, like Bismarck, would have changed the fiscal system before giving the insurance scheme.

Referring to the Canadian elections, Mr Law said they would be a landmark in the history of the world. "It is now up to the Old Country. We have rejected many opportunities and shall have only one more. I am satisfied that at the next election we shall not throw it away. It is for the Unionists to maintain a united Empire. It is for the men of this generation to create a vital union of Empire."

The Unionist papers are enthusiastic over Mr Bonar Law's speech, as giving a definite lead. They are confident that it marks a turning point in the Party's fortunes.

The Liberal papers recognise the dignity, good-temper and honesty of the speech as commanding respect and consideration, but they do not believe that the new method of outspokenness will make the country accept the old programme.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

WIDESPREAD DISTURBANCES IN EUROPE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Nov. 17.

Earthquake shocks were experienced last evening in Vienna and Milan, as well as at Munich, Frankfurt and other towns in Germany.

A number of houses in Frankfurt were cracked, and the inhabitants, panic-stricken, fled into the streets.

S. GERMANY BADLY HIT.

LATER.

Every town in South Germany reports panics and damage caused by the earthquake.

At Stuttgart in the theatres the audiences and actors left in terror, while elsewhere there were similar scenes.

At the Kaiser's ancestral castle at Burgheimszellern great cracks were made in the towers.

THE BRITISH ARMY.

NOTEWORTHY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Nov. 18.

The health of the Army for 1910 shows continued improvement.

There have been 61 fewer admissions to hospital per thousand than in 1909, while the death rate shows a decrease of 3.44.

The increased attention to personal hygiene and general sanitation has given satisfying results, the improvement in India being especially satisfactory. There is also a slight general improvement in South Africa.

MALAY STATES GAMBLING.

HOME GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

LONDON, November 17.

In the House of Commons the Rt. Hon. J. Harcourt in reply to Sir J. H. Roberts (Liberal member for W. Denbighshire) who asked for the views of his Majesty's Government as to the desirability of suppressing gambling in the Malay States, said that owing to the impracticability of total prohibition at the present time, it would remain unchanged, but no suitable opportunity of restricting the area wherein gambling is permitted had been or would be neglected.

BY TELEGRAPH.

MR BALFOUR'S SUCCESSOR.

FIRST SPEECH IN THE COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Nov. 17.

In the House of Commons to-night Mr Bonar Law made his first speech as Leader of the Opposition, speaking on the Scotch Land Bill, which was read a third time.

In the absence of Mr Asquith, Mr Urs welcomed the new leader and offered him congratulations on behalf of the Cabinet and the Liberal party.

BIG NEW ZEALAND FIRE.

GREAT DAMAGE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Nov. 17.

In a fire which occurred in the business quarter of Auckland, New Zealand, the chief sufferers are Messrs. Macky, Logan and Co., whose loss is estimated at £150,000.

Other premises were seriously damaged.

ROOSEVELT AGAIN.

MAY STAND FOR PRESIDENCY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Nov. 17.

Reuter's New York correspondent states that an article by Mr. Theodore Roosevelt is interpreted to mean that he will re-enter politics and contest the Presidency.

It is believed that Mr Roosevelt is sounding business circles on the matter.

THE M.C.O. TOUR.

ANOTHER FINE DISPLAY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Nov. 17.

In glorious weather, and in the presence of six thousand spectators, the Marylebone eleven, playing on a perfect wicket against Victoria, compiled 247 for six-wickets when they declared their innings closed.

Foster made 101, which included twelve fours, giving a very fine exhibition of driving and cutting, and allowing only two chances.

HOME RACING.

DERBY GOLD CUP RESULT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Nov. 17.

The result of the race for the Derby Gold Cup, run at Derby to-day over a distance of one mile six furlongs, is as follows:—

Clarenceux... .. 1
Bronzino... .. 2
Grabbal... .. 3

There were thirteen starters, the winner got home with half a length to spare and three lengths separated second and third.

The betting was—10 to 1 against Clarenceux, 2 to 1 against Bronzino and 3 to 1 against Grabbal.

AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY DISORDERS.

DAMAGE AGAINST THE SPEAKER.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
LONDON, Nov. 17.

Reuter's Sydney correspondent states that the Full Court has unanimously given judgment for Mr. Perry, M.P., against the Speaker and Sergeant-at-Arms in the former's claim for £2,000 for assault and false imprisonment.

The Court found that the Speaker, while he had a right to remove obstructions, was not invested with any punitive powers.

The circumstances out of which the proceedings arose were that the Speaker ordered the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring Mr. Perry back to the House, for alleged discourtesy.

PILLAGE RAMPANT NEAR MACAO.

From the reports received from Macao the position of various villages to the North-West of Macao, may be considered very serious, in fact worse than under the old order. Many villages have received threatening letters from robbers demanding big sums of money and as most of these people have already surrendered their firearms to the revolutionaries, they at present have nothing with which to defend themselves and as there are no officials at present, they do not know in what manner to lodge complaints or apply for assistance.

One farmer near Chiwan has been kidnapped and his house robbed, while a couple of days ago some revolutionaries came to Taigta village, the biggest and richest village in South Hainan province, demanding 2,000 rífls, and giving orders that when a steam launch arrived they have to ship the weapons as directed.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Scandinavia, German str., 4,600, M. Knudsen, Hamburg and Singapore Nov. 18, General.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

Mike Maru, Japanese str., 2,052, G. Tabata, Moji November 12, Matches and Curios.—NIPPON Yusen Kaisha.

Stang Bee, British str., 5,787, J. Travis, Rangoon and Straits Nov. 12, General.

CAISSE.

E. Franz, French-Austrian str., 3,643, B. Ochs, Trieste and London Nov. 15, General.

SAFARI, German str., 1,044, G. C. Weigall, Sandakan Nov. 12, Timber and Rattan.—JARDINE, MATTHEWS & Co., Ltd.

November 16.

Kuang Lee, Chinese str., 1,468, E. H. Pratt, Shanghai Nov. 15, General.—S. N. Co.

Dryas, Norwegian str., 1,102, J. Ring, Bangkok Nov. 8, General.

Chookan Maru, Japanese str., 1,301, E. Sakurai, Yokohama and Fuzhou Nov. 15, General.—O. S. R.

Holena, German str., 771, H. Boddien, Swatow Nov. 17, General.—KUNER & Co.

Kwang-shih, Chinese str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

November 18.

Sabine Rickman, for Canton.

Salahadj, for Shanghai.

Clara Jensen, for Penang.

Hongkong, for Hongkong.

Toson Maru No. 11, for China.

Unkai Maru No. 2, for Moji.

Sengida, for Shanghai and Yokohama.

Radant, for New York and Baltimore.

Borneo, for Kudat.

Longgang, for Manila.

Edgemoor, for Shanghai and Fookshw.

Kuoching, for Weihaiwei and Tientsin.

Longgang, for Manila.

PASSENGERS.

Per Scandinavia, from Hamburg &c. Mr. and Miss Evers, Miss Trila and Engelmann.

EXCHANGES.

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